



## **REVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) GRANT GENERAL CONDITIONS (GC-1)**

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Effective February 1, 2012, new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants<sup>1</sup> begin referencing and are subject to the *Grant General Conditions* (GC-1) dated 02/12. The complete text of the GC-1 conditions (as well as other NSF grant policy issuances) is available electronically on the NSF website.<sup>2</sup>

Unless otherwise noted in a specific article, the *Grant General Conditions* apply to all new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants awarded on or after February 1, 2012.

The changes to Article 10 (Travel) and Article 16 (Expenditure Reports) identified below also will be incorporated in the next issuance of the *NSF Award & Administration Guide*.

A comprehensive summary of the changes is included below. Any questions regarding these changes may be directed to the Policy Office, Division of Institution and Award Support, on (703) 292-8243 or by e-mail to [policy@nsf.gov](mailto:policy@nsf.gov).

### **Significant Changes to the NSF Grant General Conditions, dated 02/12**

- **Travel, Article 10**, has been updated to incorporate revised circumstances under which use of a foreign-flag air carrier is permissible. The Article provides information on recent modifications to the “Open Skies” Agreement with the European Union, and includes a link to the General Services Administration website for additional information.

### **Clarifications and Other Changes to the NSF Grant General Conditions, dated 02/12**

- **Grantee Responsibilities and Federal Requirements, Article 1**, has been supplemented with a weblink to a listing of the National Policy Requirements.
- **Expenditure Reports, Article 16**, has been modified to reflect that all Federal Financial Reports must now be submitted through Research.gov.
- **Patent Rights, Article 24**, has a footnote added to it stating that, while the Article remains unchanged at this time, NSF is assessing how best to implement revisions given the Stanford vs. Roche Supreme Court decision.

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<sup>1</sup> The NSF Grant General Conditions apply to grants made to For-profit organizations (other than Small Business Innovation Research awardees) and State and local governments.

<sup>2</sup> The Policy Office website address is: <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/>